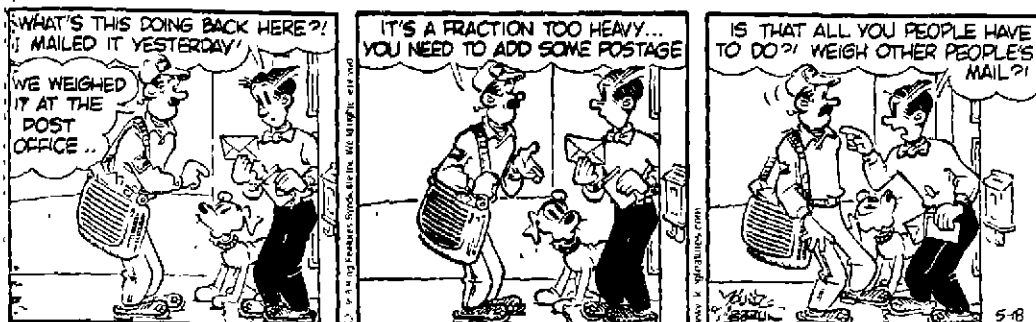


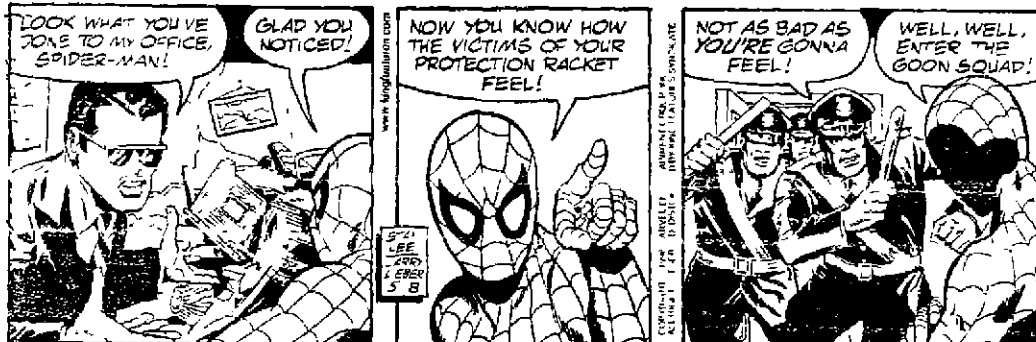
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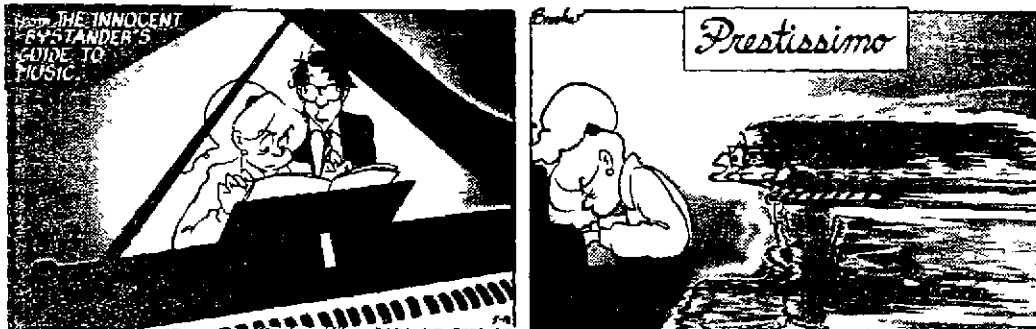
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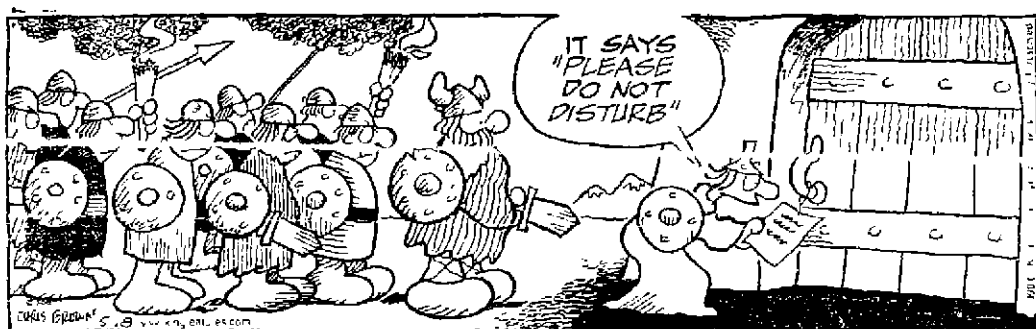
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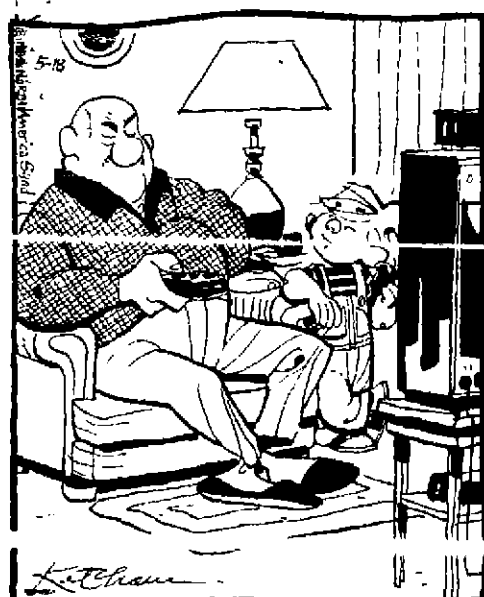
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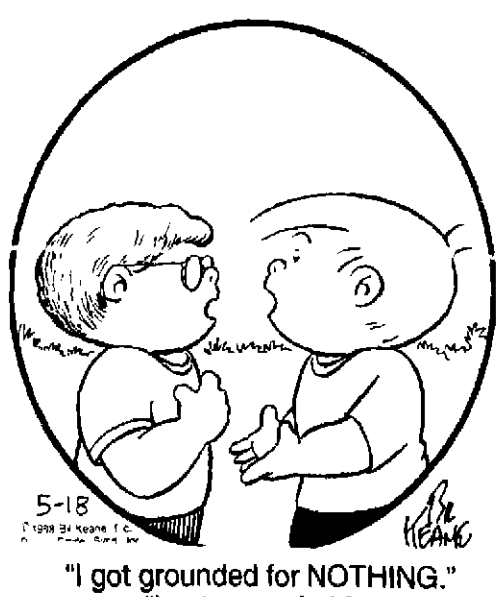
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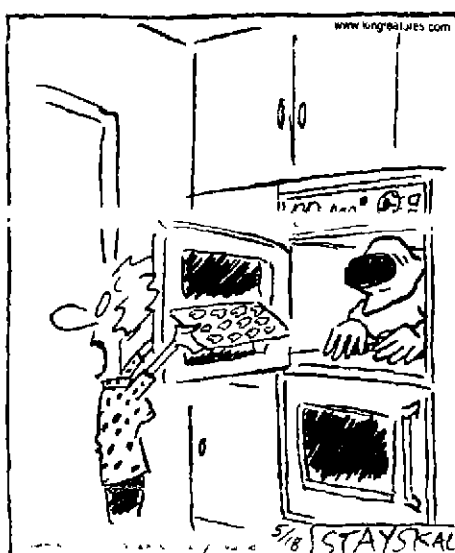
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Singer Perry Como is 86. Pope John Paul II is 78. Actor Pernell Roberts is 68. Actor Robert Morse is 67. Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson is 52. Actress Candice Azzara ("Caroline in the City") is 51. Country singer George Strait is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Butch Tavares (Tavares) is 45. Rapper Special Ed is 24. Rhythm-and-blues singer Darryl Allen (Mista) is 18.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 95-105 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. Blanks, used as any letter, have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, May 19, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A co-worker's antics are really getting you worked up, but you can take comfort in the fact that he or she is getting only negative attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're taken aback by what you consider a bold request for a favor from an acquaintance. Don't be afraid to say no.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful what you say. You don't want to go on record just voicing suspicions. Make sure you have all the facts first.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're unhappy about a certain civic duty that you are required to perform. However, there's no wiggling out of it.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You could be surprised when a bigwig asks you for a personal favor. However, you're in a position to comply.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Money is uppermost on your mind. A careful review of your budget identifies areas where you can save.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're feeling upbeat about a personal financial matter. Go ahead and celebrate. Your hard work is finally paying off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You discover that a friend has been misrepresenting a certain situation. Before you confront your friend, find out why.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Someone with whom you've had words makes a conciliatory effort. Meet him or her halfway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Extra effort is required on your part on that work project. To be truthful, you haven't really been doing your part.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your sense of humor is sharp, and you have everyone around you amused. However, bigwigs aren't so tickled.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You feel vindicated when something you predicted would happen finally does. However, there's no real joy in the situation.

WORD SLEUTH

Bagpipes

EBYSWTRORLJGEBY
WURPELBIXELFNK
IGSCOTLANDPDBOZ
XVSQOMOSKSRIDG
EGCAYWVNEUESPRQ
PNALJOPPETTESUM
SHFBLRIKSCNNEOC
ADYLDPPXVUAOSBQ
PSETONENINHRNMK
JBHEFEICBZCDGYX
VUTRROPWMLKIHG

Saturday's unlisted clue: WINDOWS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue: One Who Plays The Bagpipe

Belongs Drone Nine notes Skirl
Blowpipe Flexible Pipes Wind
Bourdon Grace notes Reeds Windbag
Chanter Musette Scotland

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For solution, see Classified.

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ACROSS

1 Gun sound

5 Gather

10 Onions' division with the

14 Pulitzer writer James

15 Powerful camera lens

16 Early Peruvian

17 1988 Costner/Sarandon film

19 Strain at a

20 One in a wriggly field?

21 I cannot tell

22 Component of natural gas

24 Conks out

25 R B I or ERA

26 Shocked

29 Pool users

33 Unlike flat beer

34 Unnamed ones

35 Daredevil

36 Ripped

37 Baseball player news

38 Grandmother

39 Catch sight of

40 First rate

41 NBC morning show

42 Test anew

44 Porridges

45 Christmas carol

46 Rhymer

47 Plumber's tools

50 Isinglass

51 Toledo cheer

54 Either end of a magnet

55 1984 Redford film

58 Loton ingredient

59 Platform part, perhaps

60 Cincinnati nine

61 Entre (confidentially)

62 Brewer's need

63 Protuberance

DOWN

1 George Herman Ruth, familiarly

2 Malaria symptom

3 Little Dickens girl

4 It keeps hair in place

5 Charm

6 "61 in '61" slugger Roger

7 Throb

8 Mac in Madrid

9 Occasional

10 1988 Cusack film

11 The "I" of "The King and I"

12 Scrutinize

13 London art gallery

14 "She loves me, she loves me not" flower

15 "o'-shanter (Irish Gaelic)

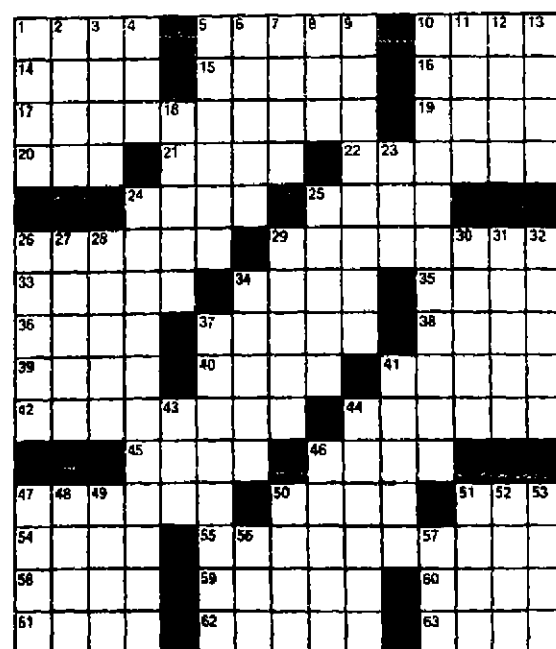
16 Vardon film

17 Stockholm resident

18 Subsequently

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

JOHN LAW BANGS
ABUSIVE SEAGULL
MERCIES CALORIE
ERR INFORM TSE
SLIT TOOTS BUTT
VIEWS NOT PAREE
INDOOR TIGHTEND
SLIPPERDON
CUSTOMER SNEAKS
ANTES DIP EXILE
SLING PATRIOT TRUIE
PIU CONTROL LUM
INTRUST ITEMIZER
AGEISTS STAINER
NERDS HARNESS



27 Barnyard honker

44 Junior's jalopy?

46 Yearns (for)

47 Bridge

48 contendere

49 Baseball's Matty or Moises

50 Tableland

51 Cookie favorite

52 29-Down player

53 Otherwise

54 Shake a leg

57 Ornamental vase

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